



DRAFT Minutes

Virtual Pearl Commission Meeting

Wednesday, 17 November 2021.

Time – local times.

Time allotment 90 minutes each session

Location Virtual Zoom Meetings Links sent to members beforehand:

President: Mr. Kenneth Scarratt

Vice-President: Mr. Shigeru Akamatsu

Vice-President: Mr. Jacques Branellec

Vice-President: Mr. Peter Bracher

Vice-President: Mr. Olivier Segura

1. The meeting was opened on schedule with an initial address from the CIBJO President followed by a welcome to all present from the Commission President who expressed his sincere thanks to all members for their unwavering support for the CIBJO Pearl Commission and their presence at today's virtual meeting.
2. The following individuals were recorded as registered for the meeting;

Steven Benson, Gaetano Cavalieri, Karina Ratzlaff, Sara Yood, Pierre Akkelian, Noora Jamsheer, Jeanette Fiedler, Abeer Al-Alawi, Douglas McLaurin, Anthony Brooke, Guy Lalous, Miguel Cotero, Antonello Donini, Roland Naftule, AurÉlien Delaunay, Dominique Dubugnon, Pierre Fallourd, Charles Abouchar, Gina Latendresse, Tolu Akindunni, Udi Sheintal, Edward Johnson, C John W Henn, Stefanos Karampelas, Jeremy Shepherd, Thomas Lind, Hanco Zwaan, Jennifer Heebner, Loredana Prosperi, Ronnie Bauer, Shigeru Akamatsu, Peter Bracher, Anton Zaitsev, Rui Galopim De Carvalho, Chunhui Zhou, Iveta Stephanopoulos, Niels Ruddy Hansen, Norman Siu, Carolina T.,r, Hiroki Goto, Eurosia Ng, Marc-Alain Christen, Yusra Al Fazari, Sumaiya AlKindi, Muna Al Bulushi, Laurent Cartier, Ryuichiro Machizawa, Lina Nobile, Karen Denaro, Joel Bertani, Gerard Gropsiron, Claudio Milisenda, Maria Konstantinova, Enzo Liverino, Margherita Superchi, Justin Hunter, Yoichi Horikawa, Gadi Gertel, and Antonia Radon.
3. The following individuals were recorded as being present for the meeting;

Steven Benson, Gaetano Cavalieri, Karina Ratzlaff, Noora Jamsheer, Abeer Al-Alawi, Guy Lalous, Antonello Donini, ,Dominique Dubugnon, Pierre Fallourd, Udi Sheintal, Stefanos Karampelas, Thomas Lind, Hanco Zwaan, Loredana Prosperi, Ronnie Bauer, Shigeru Akamatsu, Rui Galopim De Carvalho, Chunhui Zhou, Iveta Stephanopoulos, Niels Ruddy Hansen, Norman Siu, Laurent Cartier, Ryuichiro Machizawa, Lina Nobile, Karen Denaro, Joel Bertani, Claudio Milisenda, Maria Konstantinova, Enzo Liverino, Margherita Superchi, Yoichi Horikawa, Gadi Gertel, and Antonia Radon, Hiroki Goto, Albert Robinson, J-P Chalain

4. The following apologies for absence were received;

Roland Naftule

5. Approval for the accuracy of the draft minutes for the Bahrain Congress Pearl Commission Meeting, circulated prior to the Commission meeting and available to members in the Congress Binder, was requested by the President. There being no decenterers the minutes were duly approved for the record.
6. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a. Keshi Terminology – _the presentation at the 2019 PCSC Bahrain meeting was briefly discussed and it was confirmed by Vice President Shigeru Akamatsu during the recent PCSC meetings that the Japanese Association had recommended that the word keshi should no longer be used in conjunction with natural pearls (its original meaning being corrupted in modern times)
 - b. Pearl Book amendments – _There were no further discussion on the amendments although it was pointed out by Gina Latendresse during the recent PCSC meeting that while *Lobatus gigas* (AKA *Strombus gigas*) was added to the book in the present edition just a two years ago, the powers that be have now renamed this species as *Aliger gigas* (AKA *Strombis gigas*). The meeting resolved to discuss this as well as other amendments in 2022 as any amendments to the Pearl Book were not due until then.
 - c. Pearl Guide – _The Pearl Guide received approval for publication following Bahrain Congress and this has now been added as a free download from the CIBJO Website. While it is generally acknowledged that the Guide has received much positive attention members of the PCSC had asked if CIBJO had any data on the number of downloads that have taken place from the website – at the time of the Congress this data was not available.
 - d. CPPA letter – _Jeremy Shepherd confirmed during a recent PCSC meeting that CPAA were dropping their request to the FTC that the word cultured be dropped from the descriptions of pearls and diamonds, therefore the discussions concerning this and the letter were now deemed to be dropped also.
7. Consideration of any Pearl Book Amendments – _The meeting was informed that amendments to the Pearl Book are only considered every third year, as such no amendments would be considered at this meeting but all suggested amendments would be collated, circulated and debated in the coming New Year (2022) for agreement at the next Congress.

8. Consideration of any Pearl Guide Amendments – As for the Pearl Book there were no amendments tabled for the Pearl Guide at this meeting, however, all suggested amendments would be collated, circulated and debated in the coming New Year (2022) for agreement at the next Congress. It was noted that the Pearl Guide had now been translated into Thai and that members on the PCSC had currently offered to make translations into French, Italian, Portuguese and Arabic.
9. Consideration of a proposed new work item to for an additional section in the Pearl Guide that will give guidance on the “sustainability of natural and cultured pearls”. This new work item was met with great enthusiasm previously by members of the PCSC and again by the PC and it was proposed that a subgroup of individuals with some expertise in pearl sustainability be formed to undertake this work. This group will begin its work immediately following the completion of the present congress.
10. Other business – _no other business was tabled and following a brief statement by the President of CIBJO and a note of appreciation from the Pearl Commission President the meeting was adjourned within the lime limits allotted.